



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Honorable Shaun Donovan
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Donovan:

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Sincerely,

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David A. Bloom
Deputy Chief Financial Officer

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Government Accountability Office
Washington, D.C. 20548

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